WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRTED QUESTIONS

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

†*21. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas in some States are not being opened despite heavy demands of the Public as Governments of these States are not making the land and buildings available for the purpose as a result of which these schools are being shifted to other States;

(b) if so, the reasons for such negative reaction and mentality of these State Governments;

(c) whether Government are solving this issue through administrative pressure and dialogue with such States; and

(d) if so, its present status and the alternative arrangements available with Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are opened subject to satisfaction of certain norms, and subject to the sponsoring authority making available temporary accommodation to run the school initially and further making available permanent land free of cost to enable Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) to construct the permanent school building. There are some instances of State Governments as sponsoring authorities not being able to provide either temporary accommodation or land for permanent building, because of which the sanctioned schools have been shifted to other States.

(c) KVS and the Ministry have repeatedly impressed on the State Governments concerned to make available required land and temporary building to open the Vidyalayas.

(d) Out of 50 new KVs sanctioned in August, 2006, 40 KVs are already functional. If any State is unable to provide necessary infrastructure despite follow-up, KVS has the option to shift the KV to a location where infrastructure is made available.

Enrolment in Higher Education

*22. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has targeted to increase the enrolment rate in higher education;

(b) if so, how much intake is likely to be increased and the current intake in all the universities; and

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(c) whether Government have created adequate infrastructure like laboratories, libraries, classrooms, teachers, etc. to achieve the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Subject to finalization of the Eleventh Plan, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education is proposed to be increased to 15% by 2011-2012, from the present GER of about 10%.

The existing total enrolment of about 128 lakh students in higher education (2006-07) is proposed to be increased to 212 lakh students by the year 2011-12.

Public investments are expected to be enhanced during Eleventh Five Year Plan, both for establishing new colleges and new universities as well as for strengthening the existing institutions. Central Universities, State Universities and Colleges will be supported for creating adequate infrastructure in order to address the concerns of quality, access and equity in higher education.

An important strategy of expansion consists of development of institutional capacity in all institutions with special focus on backward, rural, remote areas and small towns. Resources permitting, Government is considering to establish 30 new Central Universities and to provide some assistance to the State Governments, to incentivise them to establish at least one college in each district which has a low GER, during the Eleventh Plan period.

Expenditure on renewable energy

*23. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for the production and setting-up units for renewable energy during the last five years, State-wise; and

(b) the total production of renewable energy, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) An expenditure of Rs. 1718.69 crore has been incurred towards development and deployment of new and renewable energy systems/devices in different States under various programmes of the Ministry during the last five years, *i.e.*, 2002-07, corresponding to the Tenth Plan period. State-wise details of the expenditure are given in Statement-I (*See* below). This expenditure has leveraged an estimated investment of around Rs. 35,000 crore, mostly through private sector.

(b) State-wise details of achievements under the various renewable energy programmes during the aforesaid period are given in Statement-II.